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INFORM CONSULS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEC

SUBJECT: PROGRAM TO COMBAT TERRORISM

REF: A-4779, NOVEMBER 29, 1977

FROM UNDERSECRETARY READ FOR AMBASSADORS AND PRINCIPAL  
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1. UNDER COVER OF THE REFERENCED AIRGRAM, POSTS HAVE  
BEEN PROVIDED COPIES OF THE DEPARTMENT'S RECENT PUBLI-  
CATION "COUNTER TERRORISM PLANNING - PUBLIC ACCESS  
CONTROLS". IN HIS FOREWORD TO THE PUBLICATION, SECRETARY  
VANCE COMMENTS THAT TERRORISM IS AN UNPLEASANT REALITY IN  
TODAY'S FOREIGN SERVICE; THAT IT IS A PHENOMENON UNLIKELY

TO FADE QUICKLY FROM THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE.

2. AROUND THE WORLD TERRORISTS HAVE, AND CONTINUE TO TARGET OFFICIAL U.S. PERSONNEL AND FACILITIES WITH UNDIMINISHED ZEAL. THE THREAT IS REAL; THE DEPARTMENT'S CONCERN FOR THE SECURITY OF ITS PERSONNEL AND FACILITIES IS GENUINE.

3. IN THE FACE OF THIS CHALLENGE THE DEPARTMENT HAS THE CLEAR OBLIGATION TO INSIST THAT EVERY PRUDENT PRECAUTION

BE TAKEN TO INSURE THAT EMPLOYEES ARE UNIFORMLY AFFORDED A REASONABLY SECURE ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH TO WORK.

4. THE LESSONS OF THE 1975 TERRORIST ASSAULT AGAINST OUR MISSION IN KUALA LUMPUR SHOULD NOT BE LOST ON ANY OF US. CREDIBLE DETERRENTS TO TERRORIST SEIZURES OF OUR FACILITIES CAN ONLY BE ASSURED BY POSITIVE PUBLIC ACCESS CONTROLS AND EFFECTIVE DETECTION EQUIPMENT.

5. THE ILLUSTRATED BOOKLET ON PUBLIC ACCESS CONTROL DEFINES THE MINIMUM ACCESS CONTROL STANDARDS REQUIRED OF EACH MISSION AND DESCRIBES THE TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE THE DESIRED POSTURE LEVEL. I THEREFORE URGE EACH CHIEF OF MISSION AND PRINCIPAL OFFICER TO REVIEW AND TO INSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE ESTABLISHED CONFIDENTIAL

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MINIMUM STANDARDS, INCLUDING, WHERE RECOMMENDED, THE EMPLOYMENT OF WALK-THROUGH OR HAND-HELD METAL DETECTORS. IF YOU FEEL RECOMMENDED MEASURES ARE NOT ADEQUATE, OR YOU DISAGREE WITH THE APPROACH RECOMMENDED PLEASE BRING YOUR PROBLEMS TO THE ATTENTION OF THE ASST. SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATION SO THAT WE CAN EXPEDITIOUSLY RESOLVE ANY DIFFERENCES IN APPROACH TO THIS SERIOUS QUESTION. VANCE

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